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CIA: Polish spy got secrets of B-1, Stealth

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WASHINGTON — A CIA report says secret information passed by a defense-industry radar engineer to a Polish spy over a three-year period involved such key American weapons systems as the B-1 bomber and the revolutionary, radar-evading Stealth bomber.

Information in more than 20 highly classified reports probably reached Soviet intelligence and "put in jeopardy existing weapons and advanced future weapon systems of the United States and its allies," according to the account of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The report, prepared this month, provided the most specific material yet on information the CIA said was given by William H. Bell to a Polish intelligence agent over a three-year period.

Bell, a former radar project engineer with Hughes Aircraft Co., pleaded guilty last year in Los Angeles to charges that he transferred filmed copies of documents to Marion Zacharski, who posed as a Polish businessman.

Bell was sentenced to up to eight years in prison and fined \$10,000. Zacharski drew a life term for conspiring to commit espionage.

According to the CIA report, the classified documents "of prime importance to the West" included information on:

- A "quiet" radar system for B-1 and Stealth bombers.
- The vital "look-down, shoot-down" radar system.
- An all-weather radar system for tanks.
- An experimental radar system for the Navy.
- The Phoenix air-to-air missile carried on Navy F-14 fighters.
- A ship-borne surveillance radar.
- A new air-to-air missile, the improved Hawk surface-to-air missile, a Patriot air defense missile and a NATO air-defense system.
- A submarine sonar system.

"The acquisition of this information will save the Polish and Soviet governments hundreds of millions of dollars in research and development efforts by permitting them to implement proven designs developed by the United States and by fielding operational counterpart systems in a much shorter time period," the CIA report said.

"Specifications on current and future U.S. weapons systems will

enable them to develop defensive countermeasure systems," the report added.

The Bell case was highlighted in the report, which generally discussed the problem of Soviet acquisition of Western technology.

"The Soviets and their Warsaw Pact allies have obtained vast amounts of militarily significant Western technology and equipment through legal and illegal means," the report said.

Intelligence officials said the report was prepared from information gathered by the entire U.S. intelligence community and was provided at the request of Congress in a declassified form.